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- ☒ 6. JP 09-103596 is of the patent family of 5,040,285 and 5,150,589.
- ☒ 7. The U.S. patents and EP 219,115 were cited in the previous application 10/231,314.

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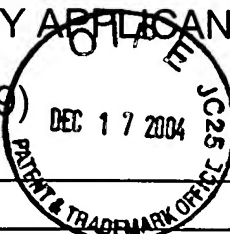


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